

**SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION
POCD WORKSHOP
MEETING #6**

**GROTON PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (POCD) AND
MUNICIPAL COASTAL PROGRAM UPDATES**

OCTOBER 14, 2014 - 5:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX – 134 GROTON LONG POINT ROAD, GROTON, CT
COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Chairman Sherrard called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Regular members present: Sherrard, Pritchard, Steinfeld
Alternate members present: Fitzgerald, Tarbox, Zod
Absent: Kane, Munn
Staff present: Reiner, Jones, Glemboski, Silsby

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2014

MOTION: To approve the minutes of August 26, 2014, as amended.

Motion made by Steinfeld, seconded by Pritchard, so voted unanimously in favor.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Draft POCD – Infrastructure Theme and Corresponding Action Agenda

Staff stated that the Commission should be able to finish their review of the infrastructure theme tonight and begin review of the future Land Use map. She will distribute large scale future Land Use maps. Planning Staff will develop an outline of the theme based on tonight's discussion and should have the entire document outline available for review at the November meeting.

The Commission continued to review each bullet item in the Action Agenda, beginning on page 190, and had the following comments:

Guide Infrastructure to Meet Community Goals

- 1st bullet – Replace the word “Support” with the word “pursue”.
- 2nd bullet – Staff will confirm whether this is a duplicate item.
- 3rd bullet – Include “Flanders Road” and move to Long Term.
- 4th bullet – Add “for infrastructure”

Enhance Waste Handling and Processing

- 1st bullet – Delete
- 3rd bullet – Replace the words “The Town should review options and” with the word “Obtain”.
- Add a bullet - “Promote and expand prescription drug disposal”

Parks and Recreation Facilities

1st bullet – Delete the word “all” and add the following verbiage at the end of the sentence, “including a pool, fitness center and gymnasium”.

2nd bullet – Move to appropriate section in Development Theme.

4th bullet – Reword: “Provide additional athletic fields to meet the needs of the community”.

The Commission noted that the term “town center” is used to mean the town commercial center in downtown Groton and the municipal center around Town Hall. The text should be clear with regards to what area is reference.

5th bullet – Reword: “Maintain all Town docks”.

6th bullet – Delete the words “Continue to” and capitalize the word “Implement”.

7th bullet – Delete

Add new bullet – “Develop a park to serve downtown Groton area”.

Promote Alternative Energy Use and Sustainability

1st bullet – Reword as such, “Modify regulations to provide standards for alternative energy use throughout the Town”.

2nd bullet – Reword as such, “Develop a plan for the future use of closed landfills (Flanders Road and Welles Road) and move to Guide Infrastructure to meet Community Goals.

3rd bullet – Reword as such, “Convert existing street lights to LED”.

Staff distributed and reviewed the future Land Use maps and key. Staff asked the Commission to review the special focus areas, connector roads, agricultural lands, and industrial areas. Staff pointed out the open space connections and noted the importance of looking at these areas closely, as well as commercial areas, such as Willow Point. Staff suggested the members mark-up the map if they see a need for a change. Staff pointed out that the plan recommends that the Hazelnut Hill Road area be rezoned from industrial to residential. Staff explained the importance of comparing this map to the existing land use map and the 2002 POCD future Land Use map. Staff stated that the next workshop will be November 19, 2014 at 5:30 p.m., prior to the next regular meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. was made by Steinfeld, seconded by Zed, so voted unanimously.

Jeffrey Pritchard, Secretary
Planning Commission

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